

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. “How much should I be practicing at home?”

Students should be practicing their recorder every day! It is best to practice in small amounts of time, 10-15 minutes a day. Parents, please encourage appropriate practicing techniques:

- Find a quiet area where you will not disturb family members
- Store your music, materials and recorder in the same place every day (your backpack is a good spot!)
- 3 steps to efficient practicing:
 - Sing the song
 - Sing the song
 - Play the song



2. “How do I earn Recorder Karate belts?”

Each class will have designated time for Recorder Karate belts at the end of music class. In order to earn a belt, you need to perform the assigned song for the class. You can progress at your own pace, but every student will need to earn a Purple Belt by the end of the year...Good luck!

3. “What happens if I forget my recorder and/or materials?”

Students have the responsibility of remembering their recorder and book for EVERY music class. If a student forgets his/her recorder materials, a note will be sent home to their parents, which will need to be signed and returned. Students are allowed to borrow a recorder only twice; after this, they will be given an assignment card to complete.

4. “How do I care for my recorder?”

Recorders are made out of durable plastic material, but can still break. Be careful not to drop your instrument. Students should wash their recorder ONCE A WEEK to prevent germs from building up inside the instrument. This can be done in a sink with soap and warm water.